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<u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 1 through 21 are pending. Claims 1-16 have been amended. Claims 17-21 are new.

Drawings - Figures 1 and 2 have been amended to translate labeling from the German language into the English language. Two sheets of drawings are presented herewith for approval.

The substitute specification enclosed herein contains no new matter.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures:

Postcard 2 Sheets of Drawings (Figures 1 and 2) (Replacement Sheets) Redlined Substitute Specification Substitute Specification

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